

SHREVEPORT DIXIE BASEBALL

2017 Fall Ball --- 8 & 9, 10 & 11 RULES

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Age breakdown:

- AAA – 8 & 9

A child must be eight (8) before May 1, of the current year.

A child cannot become ten (10) before May 1, of the current year.

- O-Zone – 10 & 11

A child must be ten (10) before May 1, of the current year.

A child cannot become twelve (12) before May 1, of the current year.

2. It is the coach's responsibility to put only players of proper age on team roster.
3. Duration of game: All games will be one (1) hour and (30) minutes. The game will stop when the time limit is up. The batter at the plate will finish his bat then the game is over. Home team does not have to have last bat.
4. In the 8 & 9 age group only, there will be a five (5) run limit during any one inning. When a team scores five (5) runs in an inning, no matter how many are out, or when 3 outs have been awarded the teams will change sides.
5. Catcher's equipment: a catcher must wear a protective cup supporter during the game. Umpires shall be responsible for informing both coaches prior to the game. A game will not be delayed for the purpose of allowing a catcher time to get a protective cup supporter. A team failing to provide all protective equipment for their catcher will forfeit that game. The remainder of the catcher's equipment is described in the Dixie Youth Baseball rule book.
6. All players league age 10 and under are required to wear a batting helmet with a protective face mask attached to the helmet. All players league age 11 and up the face mask on the batting helmet is optional, however Shreveport Dixie Baseball highly recommends the use of the batting helmet with face mask attached.
7. Every player on the team will be in the batting order, and the order may not change during the game. If a player misses his or her turn at bat, for any reason, he or she will be skipped and no out will be called. All players listed in the batting order will play defensively for at least one (1) inning. Free substitution is allowed on defense. The lead-off batter will not have a second turn at bat until everyone else had batted.
8. Teams will play nine (9) players, but if a team does not have nine (9) players to play, you may use a player from another team in your league. The borrowed player must be on a Shreveport Dixie Baseball fall baseball roster.
9. Pitchers are limited to pitch two (2) innings per game. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he/she may not return to the mound.

10. Steel cleats are not allowed to be worn by players or coaches in the 5 – 11 age groups. Steel cleats will be allowed in the 12&13 leagues for Baseball Only. **PITCHERS MAY NOT WEAR STEEL CLEATS ON THE ARTIFICIAL MOUNDS.**
11. AAA 8-9 age group only: Pitching Distance – 46', Base Distance – 60'. Runners may not lead off and can advance at own risk once ball crosses plate.
12. O-Zone Rules for 10-11 age group only: Pitching Distance – 50', Base Distance – 70'. Runners will be allowed to lead off and the Pitchers will pitch from a stretch position.
13. Courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher only. The courtesy runner must be the last player that batted and is not on base at the time the courtesy runner is needed.